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SUBJ: GUYANA' S CAPITAL TO BE MOVED?

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1. IN MARCH 21 CONVERSATION WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICER, SECOND SECRETARY GUYANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON (PHILIP CHAN) VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION THAT PRESS REPORTS RE GOG INTENTION MOVE CAPITAL FROM GEORGETOWN TO MATTHEWS RIDGE WERE ACCURATE. CHAN SAID THAT HE LEARNED OF GOG INTENTIONS THIS REGARD DURING VISIT TO GEORGETOWN WEEK OF MARCH 11.

2. ACCORDING TO CHAN, PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM HAS STRONG FEELINGS ABOUT THE DESIRABILITY OF SUCH A MOVE AND HE HAS ALREADY DRAFTED A PARLIAMENTARY MESSAGE ON THE SUBJECT. CHAN SAID THAT THE TRANSFER OF THE CAPITAL IS A LONG RANGE GOG GOAL, AND THAT BURNHAM INTENDS TO USE THE ANNOUNCEMENT AS MEANS OF UNDERSCORING HIS GOVERNMENT' S COMMITMENT TO AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY (E. G- LOOKING TOWARD THE INTERIOR). CHAN EMPHASIZED THAT IN LIGHT OF BURNHAM' S PERSONAL INTEREST,
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THE PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER THE CAPITAL SHOULD BE REGARDED
SERIOUSLY, ANALOGOUS TO THE SIMILAR TRANSFER OF THE
BRAZILIAN CAPITAL FROM RIO TO BRASILIA.

3. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEES MIGHT
HAVE OF THIS SUBJECT. ROGERS

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